Shortfall in Industrial production due to short supply of Coal

4644. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to short supply of coal to industries there is heavy short fall in their production;

(b) if so, the names of these industries; and

(c) the steps being taken to restore the supply of coal to the affected industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The revised demand for coal for the year 1992 was fixed at 235.2 million tonnes. Against this, the actual supplies have been 222.85 million tonnes, which work out to a satisfaction of 94.4 per cent. Thus, there was a shortfall of 5.6 per cent in meeting the revised demand during 1991-92. Similarly, pro-rata demand for the period April-June, 1992 has been worked out at 58.31 million tonnes against which the supplies have been 53.98 million tonnes indicating a satisfaction of 92.5 per cent and a shortfall of 7.5 per cent The shortfall in 1991-92 was mainly confined to steel and cement industries.

Coal companies have taken several steps to enhance supplies of coal to consumers. The system and procedures for supply of coal are being streamlined. Consumers can obtain their coal requirements by road upto 1000 M.T. at a time from specified collieries without any sponsorship. In addition, 20 million tonnes of pithead stocks are also being offered to customers with preference to actual users. Coal stockyards are being activised. Further, Consumers Councils have been set up at regional and national levels to look into specific grievances of coal consumers.

Negative growth of production of Coal

4645. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been negative growth of production of coal in coal mining States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such a negative growth; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to remedy the situation in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d) Statewise coal production in the country during last three years was as under:

(million tonnes)

State	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (provisional)
Andhra Pradesh	17·80	17·71	20·58
Assam	0·84	0·68	0·95
Bihar	66·58	67·49	69·17
Orissa	13·25	16·27	20·70
Madhya Pradesh	62·30	65·35	69·19